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SUB: NAMIBIA:FOREIGN MINISTER CALLS FOR  
UNDERSTANDING OF SOUTH AFRICAN EFFORTS TO  
MOVE AREA TO INDEPENDENCE

1. SPEAKING AT STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY EVENING APRIL 1,  
FONMIN MULLER APPEALED TO THE WORLD TO LET PEOPLE OF SOUTH  
WEST AFRICA DECIDE THEIR OWN POLITICAL FUTURE. SPEECH  
DELIVERED IN AFIKAANS AND FOLLOWING QUOTES ARE ACCORDING  
TO PRESS TRANSLATION. 'I WANT TO REPEAT AN EARNEST AND  
HONORABLE CALL TO THE OUTSIDE WORLD TO OFFER THE INHABITANTS  
OF SOUTH WEST AFRICA THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK OUT BY THEMSELVES  
THEIR POLITICAL FUTURE, AND TO DO IT IN PEACE, 'MULLER SAIDE.  
HE ADDED THAT SAG WOULD NOT ALLOW ANYONE,INCLUDING UN AND  
SAG ITSELF, TO IMPOSE A POLITICAL SYSTEM ON SWA, NOR WOULD  
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SAG ALLOW THE TERRITORY TO BECOME ANOTHER ANGOLA.

2. MULLER REPORTEDLY CRITICIZED UNSYG WALDHEIM FOR NOT TAKING UP INVITATION TO SEND AN OBSERVER TO THE CONSTITUTIONAL TALKS IN WINDHOEK. 'IF THE SECRETARY GENERAL IS GENUINELY IN FAVOR OF A PEACEFUL SOLUTION TO QUESTIONS IN SOUTH WEST AFRICA, WHY WAS HE NOT PREPARED TO ACCEPT THE OFFER.' MULLER ADDED THAT THERE HAD BEEN NO RESPONSE TO SIMILAR OFFERS MADE TO THE UN COMMITTEE FOR SWA AND THE OAU'S SPECIAL COMMITTEE ON SWA. MULLER THOUGHT THAT NOW THAT THE TALKS HAD REACHED CONCRETE ISSUES AND NEGOTIATIONS ON ECONOMIC, SOCIAL AND OTHER PROBLEMS THEY COULD NOT BE DISMISSED OUT OF HAND. MULLER SAID IT WOULD STILL HAVE TO BE DECIDED HOW THE PEOPLE OF SWA WOULD BE GIVEN OPPORTUNITY TO ACCEPT OR REJECT A CONSTITUTION FOR THE TERRITORY ONCE IT HAD BEEN PRODUCED BY THE WINDHOEK TALKS.

3. MULLER THOUGHT SOUTHERN AFRICAN AREA WOULD DEVELOP INTO A BLOC OF STATES WITH PARTICIPANTS SUPPORTING AND SUPPLEMENTING EACH OTHER TO THEIR MUTUAL BENEFIT. 'IT IS HARDLY THINKABLE THAT SWA WOULD OR COULD STAND OUTSIDE THE TOLL AND MONETARY AGREEMENTS, AND OUR TRANSPORT NETWORK INCLUDING SOUTH AFRICAN HARBORS.' SAG INTENDED TO DO ALL IT COULD TO ASSIST WINDHOEK TALKS TO PRODUCE A CONSTITUTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL, BUT WOULD NO INFLUENCE THE OUTCOME.

4. OFFICIAL ENGLISH TEXT WILL BE POUCHED TO AF/S AS SOON AS AVAILABLE.

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